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LIGHTNING STRIKES IN *THE POWER OF SHAZAM!*

With a magic word, a bolt of lightning, and a clap of thunder, DC proudly presents THE POWER OF SHAZAM!, a new hardcover graphic novel featuring the triumphant return of the one, true, original Captain Marvel!

With startling new details and amazing insights into the history of the World's Mightiest Mortal, Captain Marvel's origin and first battles with the fiendish Sivana and the superpowered evil of Black Adam are told for today's audience. THE POWER OF SHAZAM! also reveals the real story of how young Billy Batson became an orphan on the streets of Fawcett City. But that's just the beginning, as THE POWER OF SHAZAM! sets the stage for an upcoming ongoing series!

Written and beautifully painted by Jerry Ordway, one of the architects of Superman's return to greatness, THE POWER OF SHAZAM! captures the true essence of one of the greatest comic-book heroes of all time. Tying in with the release of THE POWER OF SHAZAM! is a sensational new SHAZAM! POSTER, with original art by Ordway. And, just in case you missed it last time around, DC is relisting THE SHAZAM! ARCHIVES Volume 1, featuring Captain Marvel's earliest Golden Age appearances from WHIZ COMICS #2-15, including his first appearances as Captain Thunder from the rare "ashcan" editions of FLASH COMICS and THRILL COMICS that few fans have ever seen.

THE POWER OF SHAZAM! is a 96-page hardcover graphic novel written and painted by Jerry Ordway.

UNLEASHING THE FORCE WITHIN... *ANIMA!*

In the explosive aftermath of BLOODBATH comes ANIMA. Sixteen-year-old Courtney Mason is the reluctant New Blood adventurer who has a creature of incredible power and unfathomable intent living within her, a being of violence and vengeance known only as Animus. Now Anima may just be the most powerful force on Earth!

Anima's exploits begin in Gotham City, where a street gang's savage attack on a young girl demonstrate that Courtney can never regain her old life. ANIMA is filled with hard-hitting super-hero action, with a solid mix of magic, horror, and real-life dilemmas. Upcoming issues bring Anima into a horrifying encounter with the Scarecrow, and feature appearances by other DC Universe characters.

Through it all, Anima develops a deeper understanding of Animus and the underlying truth of his origins. These revelations lead to a reunion with her estranged mother, and her reluctant involvement in an ancient, primal war that may engulf all reality.

ANIMA is a monthly New Format series written by science-fiction authors Paul Witcover and Elizabeth Hand, with art by Malcolm Davis.

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EMERALD STORM IN *GREEN LANTERN #50*

This is the issue everyone's been talking about! It's the end of the the Green Lantern Corps, the end of the Guardians of the Universe... and the end of Hal Jordan as you know him! "Emerald Twilight" comes to its shocking climax in the double-sized 50th issue of GREEN LANTERN!

When his hometown of Coast City was destroyed in "Reign of the Supermen," Hal Jordan was consumed by grief and guilt, embarking on a desperate quest for power that would lead him to destroy the Green Lantern Corps. Now with the Corps shattered, the Guardians of the Universe reinstate the only person who could possibly stop Jordan— Sinestro! Make no mistake about it, this is a fight to the death!

From then on, there's no turning back as GREEN LANTERN rockets in a startling new direction.

Included in this issue are pin-ups of Hal Jordan by artists Stuart Immonen, Jeff Johnson, Tom Raney, Joe Phillips, and others.

GREEN LANTERN #50 is a special 48-page issue, featuring a glow-in-the-dark cover spotlighting Hal Jordan's dynamic new costume, written by Ron Marz, with art by Darryl Banks and Romeo Tanghal.

COUNTING DOWN TO... *ZERO HOUR*

The clock is ticking.

The countdown has begun ...to ZERO HOUR!

It's been happening all around us... slowly... almost imperceptibly. A chill wind in a sealed room, a flash just out of sight, and a feeling that something isn't right. Still, we haven't really noticed. Our focus has been distracted: a fallen warrior, a broken knight. But the storm that's inching this way is being felt already, with omens and portents that can no longer be ignored.

Now a hero lies dead in this month's VALOR, setting in motion a paradox that threatens to fracture all history. Elsewhere, the Team Titans begin to unearth their true destiny, foreshadowing a tragedy. And in the 30th century, a reality stretched to its limits simply... snaps.

Time is of the essence... and the DC Universe has a final appointment at ZERO HOUR.

In the summer of 1994, DC Comics presents ZERO HOUR, a miniseries that will shake the entire DC Universe to its foundations. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens, ZERO HOUR will unite many of DC's most powerful heroes on a mission with dire consequences and a struggle for their very existence.

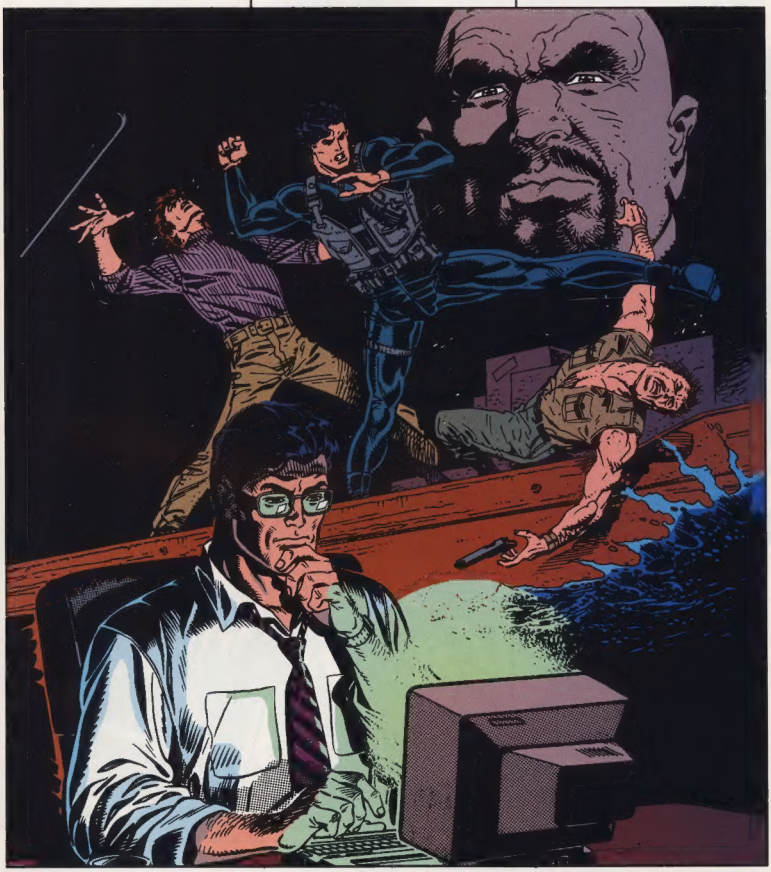
Watch for details about ZERO HOUR in upcoming issues of DIRECT CURRENTS and in your favorite DC Universe comics.

SUPERMAN: "UNDER A YELLOW SUN"

Every day, Clark Kent faces a struggle with the two very different sides of his life: hero and novelist. Now's your chance to take a close look at this compelling struggle in SUPERMAN: "UNDER A YELLOW SUN" A NOVEL BY CLARK KENT. Set several years ago in Metropolis, SUPERMAN: "UNDER A YELLOW SUN" features a story told in two intertwining narratives.

The only place Superman competes fairly with mortals is on the printed page. And it's only as writer Clark Kent that he can release the frustrations he faces each day as the Man of Steel. This unusual story tells how Superman's daily life affects the content of Kent's novel, during a time when Superman is contending with Lex Luthor's manipulation of a gang war. Simultaneously, Kent's novel in progress depicts a man with a double life who makes a dangerous bargain with an amoral corporate magnate bent on control of a Caribbean Island.

SUPERMAN: "UNDER A YELLOW SUN" A NOVEL BY CLARK KENT is a 64-page Prestige Format one-shot, written by John Francis Moore and illustrated by two separate art teams: Kerry Gammill and Dennis Janke for the Superman/Clark Kent sequences, and Eduardo Barreto for the "novel" itself. Cover art is supplied by Barreto.



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☐ **BATMAN #505**

"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues, following the adventures of Batman. Batman makes a decision to upgrade his costume after he fails to stop the psychotic Abattoir from committing murder, leading to some changes in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #25. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Mike Manley and Bob Wiacek. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.50

BATMAN #505

☐ **CHAIN GANG WAR #9**

It's rampant destruction as the Chain Gang sets out to stop the Crooked Man, whose latest multibillion-dollar scheme jeopardizes innocent lives when a property is earmarked for demolition. Written by John Wagner, with art by Leo Durañona. Cover by Dave Johnson. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #34**

Part 8 of the 8-part "World Tour": The final pieces of the armor are assembled in Egypt, leading Deathstroke to the hidden treasure... and to a deadly confrontation with his ex-wife, her kidnapper, and Slade Wilson's past! Before it's all over, Deathstroke will be a changed man... leading him to a grimmer, more volatile future. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **FLASH #88**

When a horrible past mistake returns to haunt him, Flash decides to redeem himself... but doing so may cause him to go out in a deadly blaze of glory. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan, Jr. Cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $1.50

☐ **GREEN LANTERN CORPS QUARTERLY #8**

With the landmark changes in GREEN LANTERN #50, this marks the final issue of GREEN LANTERN CORPS QUARTERLY! The framing sequence—written by Superman editor Mike Carlin and illustrated by newcomer Carlos Franca—reflects the ongoing "Emerald Twilight" storyline in GREEN LANTERN. Then, by popular demand, it's the return of Green Lantern Jack T. Chance in a bone-crushing battle with Lobo, written by David DeVries, with art by Gene Ha and Scott Hanna. "Bad Intentions," by Beau Smith, with art by Ricardo Villagran, tells of the Guardians hiring someone of questionable morals to stop a Green Lantern. Plus, this issue includes an untold tale of Green Lantern Alan Scott and his encounter with Hal Jordan's predecessor, Abin Sur, written by Darwin McPherson, with art by Howard Porter and Andrew Pepoy. 64 pages. $2.95

GREEN LANTERN CORPS QUARTERLY #8

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HARDWARE #13
Curt Metcalf takes some time out with Barraki Young in order to sort out their relationship. But when the lovers find their quiet retreat under siege, Metcalf must fend off their attackers... without his Hardware suit! Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by Eddy Newell and Prentis Rollins. Cover by Newell. $1.50

HARDWARE #13

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY #14
Sarge Steel unites Captain Atom, Blue Beetle, Nightshade, and Thunderbolt (who are joined by the all-new Judomaster) when the villainous Andreas Havoc escapes from his Tibetan prison and sets out to destroy New York City. Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Mike Collins and Eduardo Barreto. This issue also includes a Jack O'Lantern solo story by Stephen Seagle and Frank Squillace, and the penultimate chapter of the Praxis saga by Michael Jan Friedman and Mike Mayhew. Cover by Mike Mignola. 80 pages. $3.50

LEGIONNAIRES #12
The mystery of the missing Legionnaires deepens as more team members are zapped by the strange powers of Kid Psycho. Plus, the tension between Saturn Girl and Live Wire reaches the boiling point following disturbing news from the Medi-center. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by Chris Sprouse, Adam Hughes, and Karl Story. Cover by Sprouse and Story. $1.50

THE POWER OF SHAZAM! HARDCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL
The triumphant return of the one, true, original Captain Marvel is presented in this gorgeous hardcover graphic novel. Captain Marvel's origin and first adventure are told... with startling new details and amazing insights into the history of the World's Mightiest Mortal and his greatest adversaries. Story, fully-painted art and painted cover by Jerry Ordway. 96 pages. *(Hardcover)* $19.95

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY #14

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SUPERBOY #2
Superboy battles Knockout, a drop-dead beautiful woman harboring a secret past who crosses the Kid in order to get his attention... and possibly a date? But the chance of that diminishes when Superboy discovers she's a lot stronger than he is. Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. Cover by Grummett and Kesel. $1.50

SUPERBOY #2

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #31
More powerful than ever, Superman returns to Earth just in time to head off the Underworlders' assault on Project Cadmus. Plus, something's not quite right with the clones in Metropolis. Written by Louise Simonson, with art by M.D. Bright and Dennis Janke, and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Janke. $1.50

THE SPECTRE #16
As the Spectre nears his judgment of humanity, he journeys to Northern Ireland to confront the long-standing hatreds fueling the conflict there. Little does he anticipate the ghostly reception awaiting him. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Jim Aparo and Kelley Jones. Cover by Kelley Jones. *(New Format)* $1.75

STAR TREK® #58
Pavel Chekov takes a brief leave from the *Enterprise*™ to visit Captain Sulu aboard the *Excelsior*™ and remembers one of his earliest missions under the command of Captain Kirk, when a mysterious ship was bombarding a settlement with deadly radiation. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Carlos Garzon. Cover by Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

VALOR #17
Part 6 of the 6-part "D.O.A.": The Legionnaires guest-star as the impossible happens... Valor dies, setting in motion a major time paradox within the DC Universe! For without Valor, the Legion of Super-Heroes and the Legionnaires cannot exist. Now past and future begin to unravel, forming the prelude to this summer's ZERO HOUR. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Colleen Doran and Misha McDowell. Cover by Colleen Doran and Terry Austin. $1.50

WONDER WOMAN #84
Wonder Woman has her final, explosive confrontation with Ares Buchanan, and the lives of all involved are at stake... including those of the traitorous Donna Milton and her unborn child. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Nathan Massengill and Ande Parks. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.50

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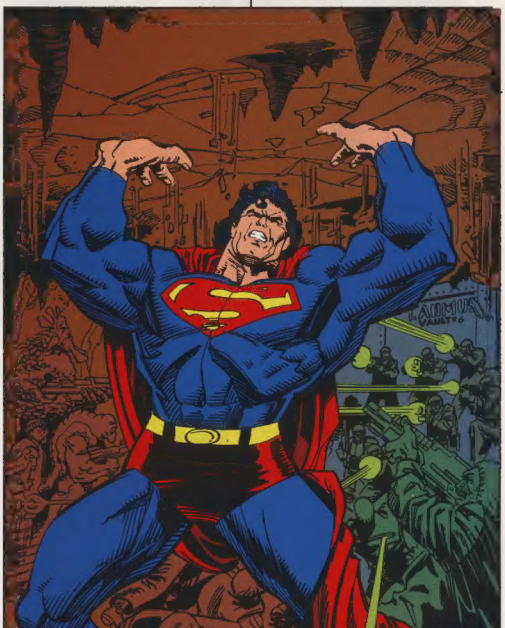
BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #25
"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues, following the adventures of Batman. The Corrosive Man returns to Gotham City, and he proves to be too much for the Dark Knight... until Batman upgrades his costume to counter the villain's deadly power. But one thing Batman doesn't count on is the sudden appearance of Joe Public, the New Blood from BLOODBATH and this year's BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT ANNUAL. Costume designed by Joe Quesada. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Bret Blevins and John Beatty. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75



SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #31

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☐ **THE BEST OF STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® TRADE PAPERBACK**

Classic stories from the 24th century head your way at full warp in THE BEST OF STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION, a trade paperback collecting STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION #5, #6, #19 and STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION ANNUAL #2, all written by regular series writer and Star Trek novelist Michael Jan Friedman. This collection also includes "The Gift," from STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION ANNUAL #1, written by John de Lancie, the actor who portrays Q on the TV series. Painted cover by Russell Walks. 192 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $19.95

☐ **CATWOMAN POSTER**

Meow! Now the star of her own ongoing series, CATWOMAN also gets her own fabulous 22" x 34" poster! By popular demand, DC's feral feline claws her way into stores in a dramatic new pinup with original art by CATWOMAN artist Jim Balent. $4.95

☐ **SHAZAM! POSTER**

SHAZAM! Tying in with the eagerly awaited release of THE POWER OF SHAZAM! hardcover graphic novel, DC presents a sensational new 22" x 34" poster of Captain Marvel, with original art by THE POWER OF SHAZAM! writer/artist Jerry Ordway. $4.95

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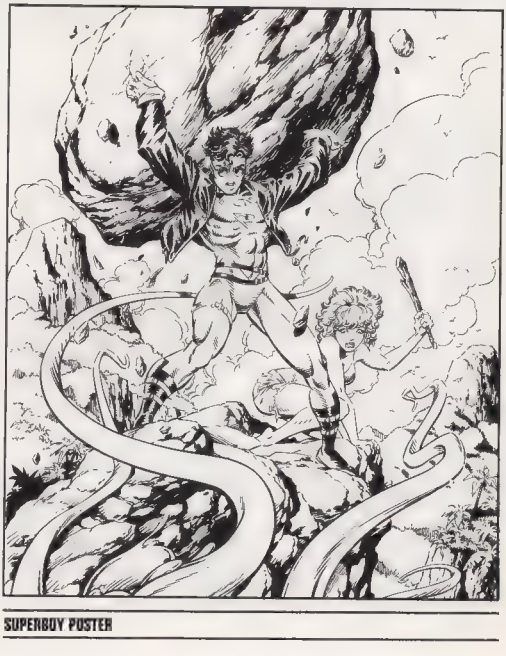
STEEL POSTER

☐ **STEEL POSTER**
Hot on the heels of the start of his ongoing series, STEEL soars in a 22" x 34" poster featuring all-new art by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke, artists of SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL. $4.95

☐ **SUPERBOY POSTER**
New SUPERBOY series artists Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood put all the flair and attitude of Superboy into this original 22" x 34" poster of the coolest new young hero in the DC Universe. $4.95

☐ **THE DEMON #45**
The Gothodaemon feeds on and fuels the hate of Gotham City, cutting a swath of destruction as the populace turns murderous. Meanwhile, Etrigan and Hitman continue to battle Asteroth's hordes in what proves to be a hell on Earth. Written by Garth Ennis, with art and cover by John McCrea. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **GREEN LANTERN #50**
Part 3 of the landmark 3-part "Emerald Twilight": This double-sized 50th issue, with a striking glow-in-the-dark cover, propels GREEN LANTERN in a startling new direction! An obsessed Hal Jordan has his final battle with Sinestro, whom the Guardians have reinstated as a Green Lantern to oppose Jordan's desperate quest for power. It's a battle to the death and after it's over, GREEN LANTERN will never be the same! Written by Ron Marz, with art and cover by Darryl Banks and Romeo Tanghal. 48 pages. $2.95



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HAWKMAN #7
Part 1 of the 2-part "King of the Netherworld": Mongrel, the rebellious New Blood character from this year's HAWKMAN ANNUAL, takes over the refuge for disaffected metahumans known as the Netherworld. Mongrel is determined to carve a place for himself in a world that has rejected him, even if it means tackling the Netherworld's former champion, Hawkman. Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Luke McDonnell and Ricardo Villagran. Cover by Jan Duursema. *(New Format)* $1.75

ICON #11
Icon and Rocket learn firsthand of their power to inspire others when Todd, a young boy who enjoys playing hero, takes on a bevy of gun-wielding thugs... with a little help from the Hero of Dakota. Written by Kurt Busiek, with art by Ron Wilson and Maria Beccari. Cover by M.D. Bright. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #86
Part 1 of the 3-part "Cult of the Machine": A strange cult that worships an alien intelligence builds a huge tower to communicate with it. And the cult is more than willing to kill the heroes of Justice League America in order to keep their deity's intentions a secret. Written by Dan Vado, with art by Mark Campos and Ken Branch. Cover by Tom Raney and Branch. $1.50

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #55
The Science Police of the United Planets stalk the remants of the Legion of Super-Heroes across the galaxy as what's left of the team tries to find refuge on the planet Rimbor... only to land right in the middle of a deadly gang war! Written by Tom McCraw, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE NEW TITANS #109
Starfire takes center stage in this issue as she undergoes an alien and deadly coming-of-age ritual in which she's forced to confront her brutal psychological attack by Raven, her past life on Tamaran, and her uncertain future as a Titan. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Bill Jaaska. *(New Format)* $1.75

S.T.A.R. CORPS #5
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
When Mindgame gets hold of a college student undergoing tests at S.T.A.R. Labs, the young woman goes into a state of trauma... creating Trauma, the fifth and final member of the S.T.A.R. Corps. Written by Dan Vado, with art and cover by Norman Felchle and Mike Machlan. $1.50

SUPERGIRL #2
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Supergirl gets the shock of her life when she discovers that Lex Luthor II has been spending time with dozens of other women... and they're all clones of Supergirl Written by Roger Stern, with art by June Brigman and Jackson Guice. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Bob Wiacek. $1.50

SUPERMAN #87
Beginning the 5-part "Bizarro's World": In an effort to find a cure for his mysterious ailment, Lex Luthor II goes back to one of his earlier experiments... and unleashes Bizarro on an unsuspecting Metropolis. Continued in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #510. Written by Dan Jurgens, with art by Stuart Immonen and Joe Rubinstein. Cover by Jurgens and Brett Breeding. $1.50

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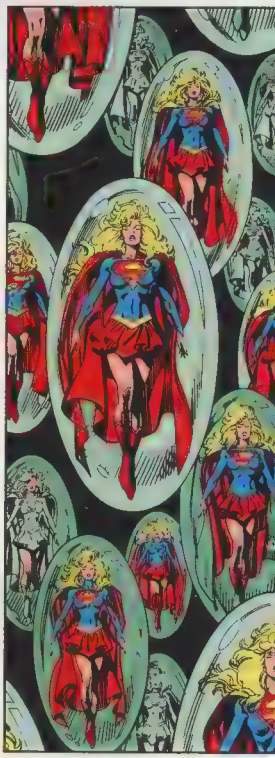

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #510
Part 2 of the 5-part "Bizarro's World," continued from SUPERMAN #87: In a bizarre parody of Superman's existence, Bizarro terrorizes Lois Lane and all of Metropolis. Continued in ACTION COMICS #697. Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy. Cover by Kitson and McCarthy. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #510

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #58
Gotham City is caught in a "Storm" as Batman and Commissioner Gordon try to protect a visiting political leader from a team of terrorists while contending with an irate CIA agent assigned to the same task, all during a deluge of rain inundating Gotham City. Written by Andrew Donkin and Graham Brand, with art and painted cover by John Higgins. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

BLOOD SYNDICATE #12
The Blood Syndicate encounters a strange boy with the power to transform himself into a dinosaur... and he's already devoured his teacher! Also, Kwai, Brickhouse, and Flashback must survive their dark passage through the House of L'Amour; and Aquamaria joins the gang. Written by Ivan Velez Jr., with art by Chriscross and Shepherd Hendrix. Cover by Chriscross. $1.50

BLOOD SYNDICATE #12

DETECTIVE COMICS #672
"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues, following the adventures of the new Batman. The Joker's major motion picture, *The Death of Batman*, isn't going quite as well as planned, so the Clown Prince of Crime ups the stakes by drawing Batman into a deadly... pie fight? Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.50

ECLIPSO #17
Eclipso's defeat is at hand, with Amanda Waller leading the combined might of Martian Manhunter, Wonder Woman, Flash, Bloodwynd, Booster Gold, and more heroes in the final invasion of Parador! Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art and cover by Audwynn Jermaine Newman and Ray Kryssing. $1.50

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FIGHTING AMERICAN #2
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
The Media Circus is in town, and they've arrived to frame the Fighting American and destroy his reputation. But stopping them may cost the Fighting American his secret identity. Written by Dave Rawson and Pat McGreal, with art and cover by Greg LaRocque and Richard Space. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #10
Part 1 of the 3-part "Purification Plague": A group of crazed survivalists prepares to initiate the Apocalypse by unleashing a deadly virus. And when the Task Force of Martian Manhunter, Thunderbolt, Gypsy, Black Canary, and Elongated Man move against the plan, they come up against the superpowered Aryan Brigade. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art and cover by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1.50

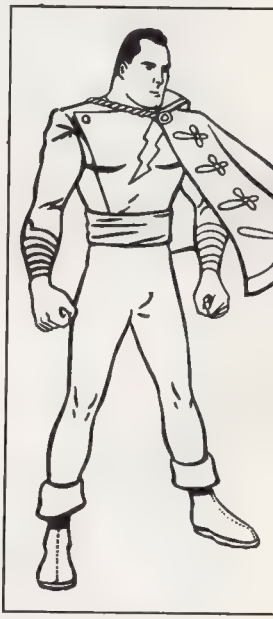
L.E.G.I.O.N. '94 #64
On an undercover mission to the planet Nuhass, the L.E.G.I.O.N. is drawn into the belly of a mysterious starcruiser, aboard which the sinister Mr. B subjects Stealth to some horrific experiments. Plus, Vril Dox conducts an official inquiry into the death of Captain Comet, putting Lady Quark on the hot seat. Written by Tom Peyer, with art by Arnie Jorgensen and James Pascoe. Cover by Barry Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOBO TEMPORARY TATTOOS
He's loud... he's mean... he's gonna be worn with pride by all his fans! LOBO's Val Semeiks supplies the art for DC's latest set of temporary tattoos, with two sensational images of Lobo, plus the Lobo logo and the ever-popular catch phrase, "Bite Me Fanboy." The tattoos may be temporary... but the Lobo attitude lives on! $3.95

LOBO TEMPORARY TATTOOS

OUTSIDERS #5
The Atomic Knight confronts the Outsiders, and only Geo-Force is powerful enough to tackle this one-time ally. But death may be the Outsiders' only way out of the epic battle that ensues! Written by Mike W. Barr, with art and cover by Paul Pelletier and Robert Campanella. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE SHAZAM! ARCHIVES VOLUME 1
Tying in with the release of THE POWER OF SHAZAM! hardcover graphic novel, DC relists THE SHAZAM! ARCHIVES Volume 1. Compiling issues of one of the most successful and inspiring comics of all time, this book includes Captain Marvel's earliest appearances in WHIZ COMICS #2-15. The stories reprinted feature the origins of Captain Marvel and his deadliest foe, Sivana, their earliest battles, and other great adventures. This volume also includes the first appearances of Captain Thunder from the rare "ashcan" editions of FLASH COMICS and THRILL COMICS that few fans have ever seen. 208 pages. *(Hardcover)* $49.95



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SHOWCASE '94 #3
(of a 12-issue limited series)
With Arkham Asylum being rebuilt after its destruction during "Knightfall," the only place to keep Batman's enemies is Blackgate Prison. Now Two-Face, the Scarecrow, the Riddler, Mad Hatter, and Poison Ivy are among the newcomers to enter Blackgate... and the prison's permanent residents aren't happy to have visitors! "Madmen Across the Water" is written by Alan Grant, with art by Tim Sale and Jimmy Palmiotti. New Blood hero Razorsharp and the Psyba-rats from this year's ROBIN ANNUAL star in "What's Your Twenty?," a 2-part adventure in which the hackers break into a deadly high-security skyscraper. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Howard Porter and Mark Stegbauer. In Part 2 of the 3-part "Caged City," a framed Blue Beetle must make a seemingly impossible escape from a fortress prison, while the corrupt police of Freemont use technology stolen from Beetle himself. Written by Brian Augustyn, with art by Patrick Rolo and Dick Giordano. Cover by Mike Mignola. 48 pages. $1.95

SHOWCASE '94 #3

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® #58
Time is running out for Picard, who must find some way to return his crew's minds to their proper bodies as the mysterious orchestrator of these events is revealed. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Deryl Skelton. Cover by Jason Palmer and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

STEEL #2
Steel is caught in the middle of a gang war when his nephew Jamahl gets involved in a deal to buy high-tech Toastmaster weapons. When the deal goes sour, Jamahl is pressured to reveal his uncle's secret identity in order to protect the E Street Skulls. Written by Jon Bogdanove and Louise Simonson, with art by Chris Batista and Rich Faber. Cover by Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

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TEAM TITANS #18
At last... the Leader's identity is revealed as Deathwing attempts to kill the Leader's counterpart in this time period. Plus, the Team must find a cure for Nightrider's need for human blood, or their comrade is doomed. Written by Jeffrey Jensen and Phil Jimenez, with art and cover by Terry Dodson and Will Blyberg. *(New Format)* $1.75

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ACTION COMICS #697
Part 3 of the 5-part "Bizarro's World," continued from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #510: Superman's infused with more power than ever... power he'll need if he hopes to stop Bizarro's rampage. Plus, Lex Luthor II has a bad hair day. Continued in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #32. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Guice. $1.50

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ANIMA #1
In the aftermath of BLOODBATH comes ANIMA, an unconventional ongoing super-hero comic that takes a hard, no-holds-barred look at today's world. Sixteen-year-old Courtney Mason is Anima, a reluctant adventurer inhabited by Animus, a being of incredible power and unfathomable intent. Anima's adventures begin in Gotham City, where a street gang's savage attack on a young girl demonstrates that Courtney can never regain her old life... and that she just may be the most powerful force on Earth. Written by Paul Witcover and Elizabeth Hand, with art by Malcolm Davis and Chris Ivy. Cover by Davis. *(New Format)* $1.75

ANIMA #1

AQUAMAN: TIME & TIDE #4
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The origin of Ocean Master and the intense hatred between him and Aquaman are explored in the final chapter of AQUAMAN: TIME & TIDE, with guest appearances by Mera, Aqualad, Tula... and Aquababy. Written by Peter David, with art and cover by Kirk Jarvinen and Brad Vancata. $1.50

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #18
Batgirl returns... and the sparks fly when she crosses paths with Robin. Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.50

CATWOMAN #8
A gang of thieves in training beats Catwoman to a heist and leads her to Zephyr, a criminal mastermind who just may be better than Catwoman at her own game. Written by Jo Duffy, with art by Jim Balent and Ande Parks. Cover by Balent. $1.50

GREEN ARROW #84
Green Arrow arrives in Las Vegas and finds himself the target of killers who mistake him for Slade Wilson, a.k.a. Deathstroke, the Terminator. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Jim Aparo and Gerardo Fernandez. Cover by Dan Norton and Fernandez. *(New Format)* $1.75

GREEN ARROW #84

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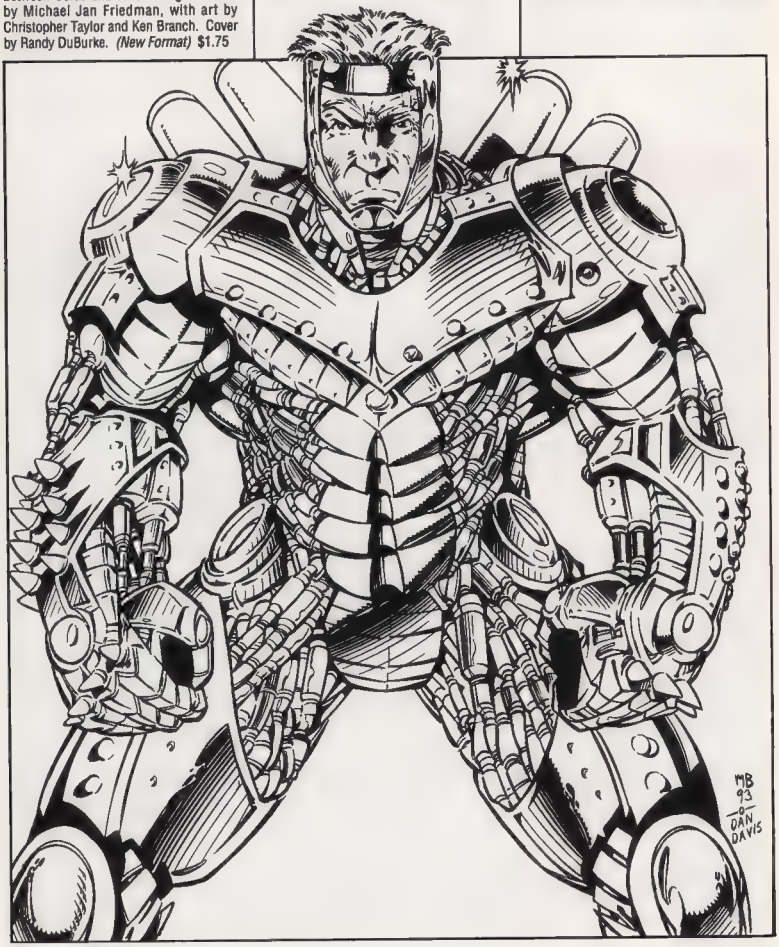
THE DARKSTARS #18
Part 1 of the 3-part "Eve of Destruction": The rogue Darkstar has reached Earth with a devastating secret alien weapon in her possession. Ferrin Colos is ordered to bring her down and destroy the weapon, but his opponent has enlisted the aid of an unexpected ally... Flash. Plus, it's the final confrontation between Colos and Killer Kleeg. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Christopher Taylor and Ken Branch. Cover by Randy DuBurke. *(New Format)* $1.75

GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #18
Beginning the 4-part "Emerald Fallout" storyline: Warrior's ring overloads and becomes useless following the events in GREEN LANTERN #50. Now to stop Militia, Warrior must enlist Blue Beetle's aid in building a suit of battle armor. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Mitch Byrd and Dan Davis.

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #82
Led by the transformed, new-look Metamorpho, the JLI battles the awesome might of the alien Godfrey's parents, who hold Earth hostage in order to retrieve a wayward child. Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, with art by Chuck Wojtkiewicz and Michael Oeming. Cover by Wojtkiewicz and Oeming. $1.50



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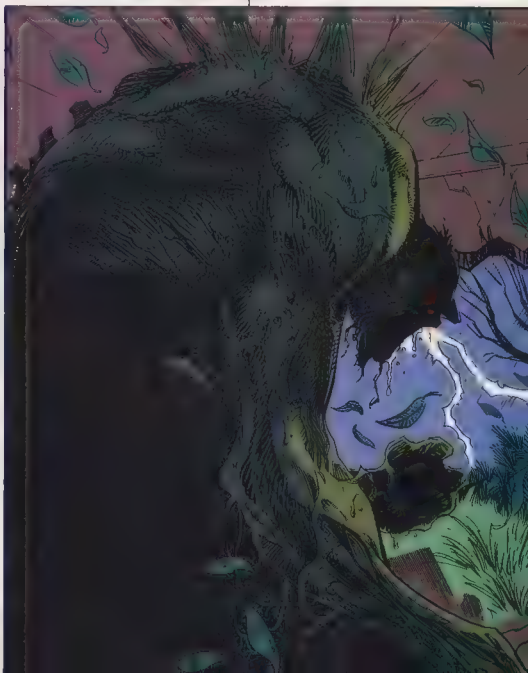
SWAMP THING—
RIPPED FROM THE ROOTS

The entire SWAMP THING mythos is turned inside out when Dr. Alec Holland regains consciousness in a South American hospital, sweating and disoriented from a terrible nightmare in which he had shambled through swamps as the reigning Earth Elemental. Then he remembers the truth: He overdosed on organic hallucinogens during one of his experiments in plant chemistry and has been experiencing fever dreams ever since.

Yet Holland can't shake the strange connection he feels to the silver-haired woman named Abigail Arcane... or to the savage, murderous Swamp Thing rumored to be rampaging through the Louisiana bayou, killing anyone who crosses his path.

Grant Morrison (DOOM PATROL, ANIMAL MAN) joins new SWAMP THING writer Mark Millar (*Crisis, Saviour,* and *2000 A.D.)* for the first story arc in the dynamic redefinition of this long-running, award-winning title. New penciller Phil Hester (VERTIGO JAM), joins inker Kim DeMulder in supplying stunning art, while newcomer John Mueller delivers an eye-popping cover.

Also for VERTIGO readers this month is the extremely classy black-ink-on-black T-shirt featuring the VERTIGO logo with the caption "Ideas in Motion Remain in Motion" printed in red puff ink across its center.



HELLBLAZER WALKS WITH FIRE

VERTIGO's HELLBLAZER reaches a landmark with its extra-sized 75th issue, the resolution of a 4-part story by Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon, and a great starting point for new readers.

In order to escape Papa Midnite's nightmare version of America, John Constantine, the master manipulator of angel, devil, and mortal, must be tempered by "Damnation's Flame." If successful, he might even regain the edge he'll need to survive a major conflict in his future.

HELLBLAZER #75 also features a special backup story that reunites Ennis with former HELLBLAZER artist William Simpson, recounting Constantine's first meeting with his former lover, Kit. The meeting was arranged by Constantine's now-dead friend Brendan, a character who will play a crucial role in HELLBLAZER #76, as Constantine prepares for his epic battle with the First of the Fallen.

Also released this month is HELLBLAZER: DANGEROUS HABITS, a collection of issues #41–46, Ennis's first HELLBLAZER storyline. It's the tale of Constantine's fight against his impending death from lung cancer, and the deadly game he played to win back his life by manipulating the rulers of Hell. This story includes the first appearances of many of the current supporting cast including the Archangel Gabriel, Chantinelle the Demon, and the First of the Fallen. This collection, frequently requested by regular HELLBLAZER readers and perfect for newcomers, features an introduction by Ennis and a new painted cover by regular cover artist Glenn Fabry.

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BLACK ORCHID #7
Black Orchid turns the tables on the corporate thugs who have pursued her across two continents. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by new regular penciller Rebecca Guay and inker Stan Woch. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #12
As the curtain comes down on Part 4 of "The Brute," Dian, the victim of a brutal assault, struggles for her life. Meanwhile the Golden Age Sandman brings to light the hideous truth of the boxing scam and learns the horrifying secret of the Brute. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by R.G. Taylor. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson and Richard Bruning. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #45
The Shade-Kathy-Lenny triangle grows more unstable as Shade struggles with a terrible ultimatum, Kathy comes to a decision about her pregnancy. And, most disturbing of all, Lenny subscribes to the *Village Voice*. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo and Rick Bryant. Painted cover by Duncan Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

VERTIGO LOGO T-SHIRT
The too-cool-for-words black-ink-on-black 100% cotton T-shirt features the VERTIGO logo with the red-ink caption "Ideas in Motion Remain in Motion" printed across the center. This a must for every ardent VERTIGO reader. $14.95

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HELLBLAZER #75
In the conclusion of the 4-part "Damnation's Flame," the trapped Constantine must escape a nightmare version of the United States if he's to regain his edge for a major conflict in his future. This important landmark issue is written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon, and is a great starting point for new readers. Plus, Ennis and former HELLBLAZER artist Will Simpson are reunited for a special backup feature that recounts Constantine's first meeting with Kit. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. 48 pages. New Format.)* $2.95

KID ETERNITY #11
There's a new drug on the streets called Slap, and it offers either instant enlightenment or total insanity. The Kid must try some himself if he's going to save one of its victims. Written by Ann Nocenti, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING JANUARY 25

ANIMAL MAN #69
Animal Man and his extended family of social pioneers explore the mysteries of life, death, and nature. Plus, Maxine's deterioration accelerates... and finally comes to a heartbreaking end. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Photo cover by Tom Taggart. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

KID ETERNITY #11

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SHIPPING JANUARY 25

THE SANDMAN #56
In the second chapter of "The Kindly Ones," Young Daniel is missing and his mother Lyta is convinced Morpheus has taken the boy. But is he really resting in the arms of the Sandman or is there something far more sinister brewing? Also this issue — an encounter with Lucifer Morningstar and bad news for Nuala. Written by Neil Gaiman with art by Marc Hempel. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SWAMP THING #140:
Part 1 of the 4-part "Bad Gumbo" begins when Alec Holland wakes sweating and disoriented from a nightmare in which he shambled through the swamps as an Earth Elemental. Then he remembers the truth—he overdosed on organic hallucinogens and has been experiencing fever dreams ever since. Yet he feels a strange connection to a woman named Abigail Arcane... and to the savage, murderous Swamp Thing that is rumored to be running amok in Louisiana. This dynamic new vision of SWAMP THING is co-written by Grant Morrison and Mark Millar, with art by Phil Hester and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by John Mueller. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SWAMP THING #140:

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AMERICAN FREAK: A TALE OF THE UN-MEN #2
(of a 5-issue miniseries)
Damien breaks out of the military base and chases the freakish Crassus through the swamp. There they find a lavish estate where a decadent jet-set crowd pays for the privilege of an exhibition of... the grotesque. Written by Dave Louapre with art by Vince Locke. Photo cover by Stan Gaz. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

DOOM PATROL #76:
In Part 2 of the 5-part "The Teiresias Wars," Cliff Steele is blown to bits as the conflagration between the Builders and the Teiresiae continues, leading to another new robotic body—this time, one of his own design. Also in this issue, the origin of the Bandage Twins, and the unleashing of the sex ghosts. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Ted McKeever. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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AMERICAN FREAK: A TALE OF THE UN-MEN #2

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☐ **HELLBLAZER: DANGEROUS HABITS TRADE PAPERBACK**

With an introduction by series writer Garth Ennis and a new painted cover by Glenn Fabry, this much-requested collection reprints Ennis's first and enormously popular HELLBLAZER storyline. Originally presented in issues #41-46, HELLBLAZER: DANGEROUS HABITS tells of John Constantine's fight against his own impending death, brought about not by magic, his sins, or the machinations of Heaven and Hell—but by lung cancer. The story includes the first appearances of many of the current supporting cast, including Kit, Chantinelle, Gabriel, and the First of the Fallen, whose war against Constantine continues in current issues of HELLBLAZER. Written by Ennis, with art by Will Simpson, Mark Pennington and Tom Sutton. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. 160 pages. Trade paperback.)* $14.95

JOHN CONSTANTINE
HELLBLAZER

☐ **SCARAB #5**

(of an 8-issue miniseries)

As Eleanor's bizarre spiritual journey continues, Scarab faces a fallen angel who's running an horrific garden of torture on Earth. Written by John Smith, with art by Scot Eaton and Michael Barreiro. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

Scarab

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☐ **LEGENDS OF THE WORLD'S FINEST #2**

(of a 3-book miniseries)

The untold tale of Superman and Batman's struggle against Tullus, Silver Banshee, and Blaze continues, as the demon Tullus succeeds in manipulating the dreams of both Batman and Superman, resulting in a darker, grimmer Man of Steel, and a more idealistic Dark Knight. Written by Walter Simonson, with art and foil-embossed cover by Dan Brereton. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

☐ **LOBO #4**

Heading back to Bunsen's Bounty Agency with Qigly in tow, Lobo is ambushed by the Kamikaze Biker Babes, who happen to be out on a male killing spree. And no one's more surprised than the Main Man when the bite on the neck he got from Jugula turns him into a giant, slavering, ravenous werewolf. Written by Alan Grant, with art and cover by Val Semeiks and John Dell. *(New Format)* $1.75

GRRARR!
OH!! HELLO!! I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE!! I'M A WEREWOLF!!
SCRUNCH!
MAYBE YOU'LL CLEAN UP MY MESS!! I'M HUNGRY!! HOPE YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A FIGHT!!
BUT WHOEVER CAUSED IT WAS OBVIOUSLY NON-FEASIBLE!
AH SAY, YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!!

LOBO #4

☐ **ROBIN #5**

Robin and the Cluemaster are trapped together in the back of a truck that's been buried in cement — and they're rapidly running out of air. It may be their final resting place unless the Spoiler can find them. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Tom Grummett and Ray Kryssing. Cover by Grummett. $1.50

☐ **STATIC #10**

Static learns that someone's been spraying mash notes to him throughout Dakota. But when the suitor turns out to be Puff, of the villainous duo Puff and Coil, Static is drawn into a trap when Puff transforms herself into a corrosive gas! Written by Robert L. Washington III, with art by Brian O'Connell and Shawn Martinbrough. Cover by O'Connell. $1.50

LEGENDS OF THE WORLD'S FINEST #2